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H. R. 4487

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mrs. GONZÁLEZ-COLÓN introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on House Administration

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

1 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

2 This Act may be cited as the “American Confidence
3 in Elections: District of Columbia Photographic Poll
4 Books Act”.

5 **SEC. 2. REQUIREMENTS FOR PHOTOS IN POLL BOOKS WITH**

6 **RESPECT TO DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA ELEC-**
7 **TIONS.**

8 (a) REQUIREMENTS.—Title III of the Help America
9 Vote Act of 2002 (52 U.S.C. 21081 et seq.) is amended—

10 (1) by redesignating sections 304 and 305 as
11 sections 305 and 306, respectively; and

12 (2) by inserting after section 303 the following
13 new section:

14 **“SEC. 304. INCLUSION OF PHOTOS IN POLL BOOKS WITH**
15 **RESPECT TO A DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA**
16 **ELECTION.**

17 “(a) METHODS FOR OBTAINING PHOTOS.—

18 “(1) PROVISION OF PHOTOS BY OFFICES OF
19 DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA GOVERNMENT.—If any of-
20 fice of the District of Columbia government has a
21 photograph or digital image of the likeness of an in-
22 dividual who is eligible to vote in a District of Co-
23 lumbia election, the office, in consultation with the
24 chief election official of the District of Columbia,
25 shall provide access to the photograph or digital

1 image to the chief election official of the District of
2 Columbia.

3 “(2) TAKING OF PHOTOS AT POLLING PLACE.—
4 If a photograph or digital image of an individual
5 who votes in person at a polling place is not included
6 in the poll book which contains the name of the indi-
7 viduals who are eligible to vote in the District of Co-
8 lumbia election and which is used by election offi-
9 cials to provide ballots to such eligible individuals,
10 the appropriate election official shall take a photo-
11 graph of the individual and provide access to the
12 photograph to the chief election official of the Dis-
13 trict of Columbia.

14 “(3) COPIES OF PHOTOS PROVIDED BY INDIVID-
15 UALS NOT VOTING IN PERSON.—The election official
16 who receives a copy of a valid photo identification
17 which is submitted by an individual who desires to
18 vote other than in person at a polling place shall
19 provide access to the copy of the identification to the
20 chief election official of the District of Columbia.

21 “(b) INCLUSION IN POLL BOOKS.—The chief election
22 official of the District of Columbia shall ensure that a pho-
23 tograph, digital image, or copy of an identification for
24 which access is provided under subsection (a) is included
25 in the poll book which contains the name of the individuals

1 who are eligible to vote in the District of Columbia election
2 and which is used by election officials to provide ballots
3 to such eligible individuals.

4 “(c) PROTECTION OF PRIVACY OF VOTERS.—The ap-
5 propriate election officials of the District of Columbia shall
6 ensure that any photograph, digital image, or copy of an
7 identification which is included in a poll book under this
8 section is not used for any purpose other than the admin-
9 istration of District of Columbia elections and is not pro-
10 vided or otherwise made available to any other person ex-
11 cept as may be necessary to carry out that purpose.

12 “(d) DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA ELECTION DEFINED.—
13 In this section, the term ‘District of Columbia election’
14 means any election for public office in the District of Co-
15 lumbia, including an election for Federal office, and any
16 ballot initiative or referendum.”.

17 (b) CONFORMING AMENDMENT RELATING TO EN-
18 FORCEMENT.—Section 401 of the Help America Vote Act
19 of 2002 (52 U.S.C. 21111) is amended by striking “and
20 303” and inserting “303, and 304”.

21 (c) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of contents
22 of such Act is amended—

23 (1) by redesignating the items relating to sec-
24 tions 304 and 305 as relating to sections 305 and
25 306, respectively; and

1 (2) by inserting after the item relating to sec-
2 tion 303 the following new item:

“See. 304. Inclusion of photos in poll books with respect to a District of Colum-
bia election.”.

